

ACADEMICAL EDUCATION (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 1 April 1870;—for,

COPY of DECLARATION of HEADS of ROMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGES and SCHOOLS and other Persons lately laid before the Prime Minister."

DECLARATION.

We, the undersigned, Members of the Catholic University, Heads of Colleges, and other Roman Catholics engaged in carrying on the work of Superior Education in Ireland, desire to express our conviction—a conviction founded upon long experience and thorough acquaintance with the principles of our Religion and the feelings of our fellow-Catholics—of the necessity of separate academical education for the members of our Church.

We believe that the association of young men in the same College, under teachers of different religious denominations, tends, as far as Catholics are concerned, to produce the worst results, in weakening, or even destroying their religious, and, inasmuch as they are founded on religion, their moral principles.

We believe that the sectarian virulence, which unhappily prevails in Ireland, is in a great measure due to the maintenance for so long a time of ecclesiastical ascendancy, which the Legislature has wisely abolished, and to the fact that educational equality has not yet been granted to the Roman Catholics of Ireland.

While unwilling to interfere with the rights of others, we believe, from our acquaintance with youth, that it is the duty of Catholics to secure for their children Catholic Education, and equality in all educational advantages afforded by the State.

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